

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 27, 2004, the Examiner indicated, in particular, that claim 8 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, pursuant to the present amendment, independent claim 6 has been amended so as to include the limitations of dependent claim 8. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 6, as amended, is now in allowable form. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 and 9-10 are also in allowable form as they depend from newly amended independent claim 6.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of the present application, as amended, should be deemed allowable by the Examiner, and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is further submitted that a one month extension of time of \$110.00 is due in connection with this Response at this time. However, if any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (0112740-353) on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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